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Chaplain's Corner

Captain James Solomon, Chaplain/CT-042

A husband and wife, prior to marriage, decided that he'd make all the major decisions and she the minor ones. After 20 years of marriage, he was asked how this arrangement had worked. "Great! In all these years I've never had to make a major decision."

Decisions have consequences. Sometimes I wish that we had no choice in what we do as it's sometimes difficult to know if we are making the best decisions amongst many options. This is the dilemma of having a free will, being free moral agents, rather than robots that simply do what they are "programmed" to do. I believe we were created with a free will because we were created in the image of a relational God who wants a relationship with each of us but doesn't want us to be with Him by force but rather by choice. The dilemma is this: **First, love allows free-**

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CADET AWARDS & PROMOTIONS

SECOND LIEUTENANT



Mitchell Award

Joseph Taylor

AIRMAN FIRST CLASS



Arnold Achievement

Paul Flayhan

Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 8.
Move your clocks forward one hour from 2 a.m.
Standard Time to 3 a.m. Daylight Savings Time.

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dom. We have the freedom to do right and we have the freedom to do wrong. **Second, freedom allows choices.** Consider the nature of freedom itself. A freedom which was prevented from being used whenever it was going to be misused wouldn't truly be freedom. If I gave my younger daughter Ashley twenty dollars, can I completely control how she spends it? If I stepped in every time she was going to spend this money unwisely (according to my judgment), is it really her money at all? Did I really give her anything? Likewise, if God really gives freedom, it must be irrevocable. He must have (within limits) a somewhat "hands off" attitude towards it.

God creates free people who can do as they please, not robots that must do what He pleases. Yet, the words of Eleanor Roosevelt ring true: "One's philosophy is not best expressed in words. It is expressed in the choices one makes. In the long run, we shape our lives and we shape ourselves. The process never ends until we die. And the choices we make are ultimately our responsibility." In other words, **third, choices have consequences.** That's why I hope, whether engaging in a CAP activity or simply living our lives wherever our daily path takes us, we choose wisely! By doing so, we will become women and men of integrity who are willing to take responsibility for our actions rather than placing the blame on others when poor actions lead to negative consequences. Let's be leaders of competence and character not only at CAP but wherever our paths takes us!

Civil Air Patrol Policy of Nondiscrimination

It is Civil Air Patrol policy that no member shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or subjected to discrimination in any CAP program or activity on the basis of race, sex, age, color, religion, national origin, or disability (formerly handicap). It is Civil Air Patrol policy that no applicant meeting CAP's minimum age requirement will be denied membership in CAP on the basis of race, sex, age, color, religion, national origin, or disability (formerly handicap).



Connecticut Wing Attends Legislative Day in D.C.

Cadet Chief Master Sergeant Sarah Eriksson, Cadet Public Affairs/CT-042

With the sun barely up and the moon about to go down Connecticut

Wing cadet and senior officers woke up early on February 25, 2015, piled into a van and made their way to Washington D.C. to attend Civil Air Patrol's Legislative Day. Their purpose: to speak with members of Congress and inform them about Civil Air Patrol, how it helps the community, and how it benefits our youth.



Legislative Assistant Michael Carlo speaks with Lieutenant Colonel Jim Ridley (CT-001) and Cadet Senior Master Sergeant Colin Pate (CT-801) in Washington, D.C.

(Photo: C/1st Lt. Dolores Mihaliak, CT-058)

Ten cadets from squadrons across Connecticut Wing attended; C/Captains Kevin Jenkins and Christian Tynan; C/1st Lt. Dolores Mihaliak, C/Chief Master Sergeants Andrew Thomas, Sarah Eriksson and Dominick Sogliuzzo, C/Senior Master Sergeants Colin Pate and Douglas Gebhardt, C/Master Sgt. Andrew Carlson, and C/Airman 1st Class Gianni Molinari. Four senior members also attended; Connecticut Wing Commander Colonel Ken Chapman, Vice Commander Lt. Col. Darren Cioffi, Chief of Staff Lt. Col. James Ridley, and Personnel Officer Capt. Carol Whelan.

Prior to their duties, cadets and senior members Capt. Whelan and Lt. Col. Ridley had a few hours of fun by going to the National Air and Space Museum in Virginia and honoring our nation's fallen heroes by going to Arlington National Cemetery. With a significant day ahead everyone ate dinner, made sure their uniforms were impeccable, and went to bed.

The next morning cadet and senior members woke up around five in the morning to get ready to conquer the day. After making sure everyone was present and accounted for they

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packed into the CAP van and made their way to a nearby hotel. Here they ate breakfast and spoke of the day's schedule, while meeting up with the wing commander, vice commander, and many other cadets from around the country. Some cadets had the opportunity to meet with CAP National Commander Major General Joseph R. Vasquez, along with Northeast Region Commander Colonel Daniel Leclair, and many other influential members of Civil Air Patrol.

After breakfast cadet and senior members began their journey to Capitol Hill, with cadets separating into two groups based on the districts they live in. Meetings were held with legislative assistants and U.S. Representative Elizabeth Esty. They also held meetings with U.S. Representatives James Himes, John Larson, Joe Courtney and U.S. Senators Richard Blumenthal and Christopher Murphy. While in meetings senior members discussed the opportunities Civil Air Patrol has to offer and successes achieved. Topics discussed included orientation flight opportunities for senators and representatives, opportunities to join the Legislative Squadron in Washington D.C., cadet programs, the Congressional Gold Medal, budget plans, and how active Civil Air Patrol is in volunteering within the community. Many of the dignitaries were astonished when learning how CAP offers such outstanding opportunities to our youth and young adults and how it makes such a difference in building better citizens. Many were impressed with the fact that CAP allows our cadets to fly with trained and experienced pilots, along with having the ability to achieve their private pilot's license at a lower cost. Legislative Assistant Michael Carlo stated "[O-Flights] help educate and inspire" and this is one of the many things that people stated about CAP cadet programs. Cadets also had the opportunity to speak with Senator Christopher Murphy. C/Senior Master Sgt. Gebhardt told Senator Murphy that "[Civil Air Patrol] made the difference" in his life and that he "credits Civil Air Patrol for the ability to achieve [his] license."

While outside the offices of Capitol Hill cadets Jenkins, Mihaliak, Eriksson, Thomas, Pate, and Lt. Col. Ridley had their picture taken by the CAP national photographer and posted them on their Facebook pages. They also visited the Library of Congress, the U.S. Capitol

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building, and the Supreme Court. Cadets Tynan, Sogliuzzo, Gebhardt, Carlson, Molinari, Capt. Carol Whelan and Lt. Col. Ridley had the chance to see the President of Liberia, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, ran into Senator Rand Paul, and sat in the gallery in the House of Representatives.

The cadets were co-led by Cadet Capt. Jenkins and Cadet Capt. Christian Tynan. Tynan, who has aspirations of one day entering politics and is currently planning on attending college studying political science while participating in Army ROTC, had the following to say about his experience – “Having been in D.C. multiple times this was certainly the most life changing event I have ever experienced.”

Connecticut Wing hopes to bring more cadet and senior members to future Civil Air Patrol Legislative Days to gain the experience and knowledge that comes with these events. Many of the memories and lessons cadets learned will stay with them forever. To conclude, cadets want to thank senior members Lieutenant Colonel Ridley and Captain Whelan for making this trip possible.

Ground Team and Mission Base Training a Success at New Haven

Major Peter Milano, Public Affairs/CT-042

Thirty three members of Civil Air Patrol's Connecticut Wing attended a training mission on February 21, 2015, based out of New Haven, Connecticut. Seventeen cadets and sixteen senior members trained in areas such as ground team leader, ground team member, mission radio operator, and mission staff assistant.

399th Composite Squadron Commander and Western Connecticut Group Emergency Services Officer, Major Jim Vigar, provided ground team and ground team leader training while Connecticut Wing Chief of Staff, Lt. Col. Jim Ridley, served as Ground Branch Director. Connecticut Wing Director of Communications, First Lieutenant Jeff Jenkins, worked as Communications Unit Leader and trained seniors and cadets as mission radio operators. Second Lieutenant Brain Waldron (399th Composite Squadron) assisted with ground team training.

Three ground sorties were dispatched over the course of the day. Ground team

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members were inspected to ensure they possessed the appropriate 24 hour gear and to ensure they were properly dressed for the cold weather and prepared for action in the field. Mission tasks focused on photographic surveys to assess damage at target locations. Major Vigar said, "the exercises were very successful, even with the cold temperature. We were able to train cadets and get some sign offs done, including familiarization and preparatory requirements."

Participants and trainers came from the 399th Composite Squadron (CT-042, Danbury), 801st Cadet Squadron (CT-801, New Fairfield), Minuteman Squadron (CT-073, New Haven), Stratford Eagles Squadron (CT-022, Stratford), 143rd Composite Squadron (CT-011, Waterbury), and Connecticut Wing Staff (CT-001).

Learn new skills, update your qualifications at the next wing wide training exercise

- February 21, Hartford
- April 25, Hartford
- June 13, Hartford
- August 21-23, Hartford

Contact your squadron or group emergency services officer to participate.

For additional information contact Connecticut Wing Emergency Services at emergencyservices@ctwg.cap.gov

399th Recognized for Wreaths Across America Commitment

Major Peter Milano, Public Affairs/CT-042

The 399th received a Certificate of Appreciation from Karen Worcester, Executive Director of Wreaths Across America in recognition of the squadrons work in furthering WAA's mission to "Remember the fallen; Honor those who serve; and Teach our children the value of freedom."



The 399th's program is organized and led by Captain Ralph Langham. This past December the 399th performed its sixth annual Wreaths Across America ceremony to honor veterans at Wooster Cemetery and Old Kenosia Cemetery in Danbury, Conn. along with the Daughters of the American Revolution, Friends of Danbury Cemeteries, Greater Danbury Area Chapter Korean War Veterans and the 79th New York Volunteer Infantry Civil War reenactment unit.

For additional information about WAA, or to purchase a wreath for placement on a local veterans grave contact Captain Ralph Langham at ralphlangham@yahoo.com



SCHEDULE & TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



Civil Air Patrol
Northeast Region
Mission Aircrew School
April 25th - May 2nd, 2015



KWRI, McGuire Field
Joint Base MDL
Wrightstown, NJ

Staff from National Emergency Services Academy

Tracks Offered:

Mission Pilot
Mission Observer
Mission Scanner
Aerial Photographer

Prerequisites: MP, MO & AP must be ROA qualified

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Officers & Cadets

Submit your news and events for publication

to pao@399cap.org

Deadline for the April issue is April 4

For Squadron Pictures Visit
[Squadron Picasa Web Albums](#)

And on Facebook

[399th Danbury Composite Squadron](#)

Access back issues of 399th Danbury
Composite Squadron News online.

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Cadet Orientation Flights

April 11, 2015
399th HQ, Danbury, CT

Northeast Region Ground Search And Rescue School

April 18-26, 2015
Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ
For updates visit [GSAR](#)

Connecticut Wing TRAEX

April 25, 2015
Hartford Brainard Airport
(contact your ES Officer to participate)

Northeast Region Mission Aircrew School

April 25 - May 2, 2015
Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ
For more information visit [MAC](#)

First Aid/CPR Training

May 2, 2015
CTWG HQ, Middletown, CT
For more information contact Major Marlene Welch,
CTWG Health Services at
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Northeast Region & Pennsylvania Wing Joint Conference

May 15-17, 2015
Gettysburg, PA
To register visit [PAWG](#)

Connecticut Wing Encampment

August 1-8, 2015
Camp Niantic, Niantic, CT
For more information visit
[2015 CTWG Encampment](#)

Bridgewater Country Fair

August 21-23, 2015
Bridgewater, CT
(Mandatory for 399th Members)

AF Operations Evaluation TRAEX

August 21-23, 2015
Hartford, CT
(contact your ES Officer to participate)

National Conference

August 27-29, 2015
Orlando, FL
(registration opens mid April)

Howard E. Palmer Cadet Ball

September 12, 2015
U.S. Coast Guard Academy



Delta Echo Carburetor Ice

*Captain Johnny Burke
Stan/Eval Officer/CT-042*

N704DE is a Cessna 182Q model, which is particularly susceptible to carburetor ice. The 182Q's carburetor

is low on the engine, away from the exhaust heat. As a result you need to use the carb heat differently than you would on other carbureted engines.

Here is an excerpt from the 182Q POH:

Rough engine operation in cold weather can be caused by a combination of an inherently leaner mixture due to the dense air and poor vaporization and distribution of the fuel-air mixture to the cylinders. The effects of these conditions are especially noticeable during operation on one magneto in ground checks where only one spark plug fires in each cylinder.

For optimum operation of the engine in cold weather, the appropriate use of carburetor heat is recommended. The following procedures are indicated as a guideline:

1. Use carburetor heat during engine warm-up and ground check.
Full carburetor heat may be required for temperatures below -12°C whereas partial heat could be used in temperatures between -12°C and 4°C.
2. Use the minimum carburetor heat required for smooth operation in take-off, climb, and cruise.

NOTE

Care should be exercised when using partial carburetor heat to avoid icing. Partial heat may raise the carburetor air temperature to 0° to 21°C range where icing is critical under certain atmospheric conditions.



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As we can see from the POH, use of carb heat may be required during taxi and run-up, to achieve smooth engine operations.

Many of us were taught to use carb heat either “full on” or “full off.” This aircraft allows us to use partial carb heat for smooth operation. The “Note” explains the downside to using partial carb heat.

When in doubt, use carb heat “full on” and lean the engine appropriately. Full carb heat may cost you a little bit of performance, but at least you know your carburetor is not icing up.



The 399th Encourages Everyone to “Be a Force of Nature”



Take the Next Step
National Severe Weather Preparedness Week
March 1-7, 2015

DANBURY, CONN. – The 399th Composite Squadron is proud to join and promote the 2015 [National Severe Weather Preparedness Week](#) campaign to spread the word and encourage members and the rest of the community to [Be a Force of Nature](#) by knowing your risk, taking action, and being an example where you live. The 399th is committed to being a leader for emergency preparedness.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency ([FEMA](#)), the [Ready Campaign](#), and The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ([NOAA](#)) are teaming up again to highlight the importance of preparing for severe weather before it strikes. During National Severe Weather Preparedness Week take time to learn what hazards may impact you, taking action by making a kit and having a plan, and become an example where you live by sharing your actions.

Taking preparedness actions can save lives and protect property anywhere - at home, in schools, in your neighborhood, and in the workplace. National Severe Weather Week runs from March 1st through 7th; it highlights the importance of preparing for severe weather before it strikes. In 2014, there were [8 weather and climate disaster events](#) with losses exceeding \$1 billion each across the United States. These events included a drought event, a flooding event, 5 severe storm events, and a winter storm event. Overall, these events resulted in the deaths of 53 people and had significant economic effects on the areas impacted.

Know your risk: Learn what hazards pose a risk where you live and work and their potential impact on you, your family, and your community. Once you understand your risk, you are better equipped to take preparations. You can learn more about hazards in your area by talking to local officials or going to [Be Informed | Ready.gov](#).

Take action: Develop an [emergency plan](#) and practice how and where you will evacuate if instructed by your emergency management officials. Post your plan in your home where visitors can see it. You can also take action with [America's PrepareA-thon!](#) by using the [hurricane](#), [tornado](#), [flood](#), [winter weather](#) playbooks to conduct drills, group discussions, and exercises.

More information can be found at [Be of a Force of Nature: National Severe Weather Preparedness Week](#) Information on the different types of hazards is available at [Ready.gov](#) or the Spanish-language web site [Listo.gov](#).





Connecticut Wing Training Leaders of Cadets Seminar

Civil Air Patrol

IMPORTANT FACTS

- Dates: March 28 & 29, 2015
- Location: Brainard Airport, 269 Maxim Road, Hartford, CT
- Registration due by: March 15, 2015
- Every Cadet Programs Officer needs a TLC to advance to the Senior Rating in the Cadet Programs Officer specialty track.
- Hours: 0900—1630
- Classes taught by experienced CAP officers, command and staff.

Pre Register: <http://ctwg.cap.gov/tlc-registration-form.html>

Purpose of the School

The Training Leaders of Cadets (TLC) program prepares senior members to lead cadets at the squadron level. TLC is administered at group level or higher. The TLC Director is a CAP officer who specializes in Cadet Programs.

To foster a learning environment that encourages open discussion among seniors, cadets are prohibited from participating in TLC. Students must complete 80% of the course to graduate.

Students receive credit for graduating when their course director submits a CAPF 11.

Cadet Programs Officers require a TLC as part of their requirement for the Senior Rating in Cadet Programs.



Senior members take part in a group exercise during a past TLC



Cost

\$25.00pp
Lunch not included



For information contact:

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Connecticut Wing
Director of
Cadet Programs
860-634-7371

cadetprograms@ctwg.cap.gov

What topics are being taught?

- Core Values for CP Officers
- Adolescent Development
- Leading Indirectly
- Leadership Feedback & Mentoring
- The Cadet Senior Team
- Partnering With Parents
- Cadet Welfare & Legal Issues
- Military Skills Clinic
- Orientation & Membership
- Cadet Advancement, Testing, Records
- Resources for Great Activities
- The Weekly Squadron Meeting
- Weekend & Summer Activities

Requirements

- Be a CAP Senior Member in Good Standing
- Completion of Level 1
- At minimum enrolled in a specialty track and working on achieving technician rating.





2015 Connecticut Wing Encampment Camp Niantic, Niantic, Conn.



- Dates: August 1 - 8
- Cadet Command Staff Applications due: March 6, 2015
- Cadet/Senior Staff Applications due: April 3, 2015
- Student Cadet (basics) Applications due: July 1, 2015

Cost

- Cadets \$160.00
- Full-time senior staff: \$50.00
- Part-time senior staff: \$25.00



A Civil Air Patrol Basic Cadet Leadership Encampment can be the most significant and worthwhile training experience of a Civil Air Patrol cadet's membership. Training is what the encampment is all about.

If a cadet wishes to earn their General Billy Mitchell Achievement, become a cadet officer, and attend certain NCSAs or serve at an encampment as a staff member, they must first attend and graduate from a basic encampment.

For additional information email
encampmentadmin@ctwg.cap.gov

- For application questions visit the *How to Apply* Webpage -
<http://ctwg.cap.gov/how-to-apply.html>

- Register on the **Connecticut Wing 2015 Encampment Webpage** -
<http://ctwg.cap.gov/2015-ctwg-encampment.html>

Principes Exercendo - First In Training



MARCH 2015 CALENDAR

3/03	Squadron Meeting	BDUs	Veterans Banquet Hall	6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
3/10	Squadron Meeting	PTs	To be determined	6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
3/17	Squadron Meeting	Blues	TBD	6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
3/24	Squadron Meeting	BDUs	TBD	6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
3/31	Squadron Meeting	BDUs	TBD	6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.



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Submission Guidelines

Send submissions in Microsoft Word format or in the body of your email.

Edit copy according to Associated Press Style.

Photos should be sent as attachments in JPG format and must meet uniform compliance.

Identify all persons in photo's and include credits.

Deadline for the April 2015 issue is 4 April

Civil Air Patrol, the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, is a nonprofit organization with 60,000 members nationwide, operating a fleet of 550 aircraft. CAP, in its Air Force auxiliary role, performs about 85 percent of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and is credited by the AFRCC with saving an average of 70 lives annually. Its unpaid professionals also perform homeland security, disaster relief and drug interdiction missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. The members play a leading role in aerospace education and serve as mentors to more than 25,000 young people currently participating in the CAP cadet programs. Performing missions for America for over 73 years, CAP will receive the Congressional Gold Medal in 2015 in honor of the heroic efforts of its World War II veterans. CAP also participates in Wreaths Across America, an initiative to remember, honor and teach about the sacrifices of U.S. military veterans.

www.gocivilairpatrol.com www.capvolunteernow.com www.capgoldmedal.com

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